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Amendment B
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-17 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, and 10 have been amended. Claims 2 and 13 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-5, and 14-17 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Mukherjee et al. (US 2002/0001522 A1, hereinafter Mukherjee).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the feature of claim 2, which has been indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 1 is, therefore, believed to be now allowable and claims 3-5 and 14-17 are believed to be allowable as well because they are ultimately dependent on claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 6-12 would be allowable if written to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The feature of claim 2 has been added to claim 1 and claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 6 and 10 have been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7-9 and 11-12 are believed to be allowable in dependent form because they are dependent on claims 6 and 10, respectively. In addition, it is noted that there is no rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-0877.

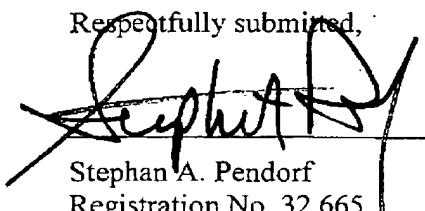
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Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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